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System Having Metal Balusters
Isolated From Corrosion

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Group Art Unit 3679
Examiner: John R. Cottingham

APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.333, applicant submits the following summary of a personal interview which occurred on December 7, 2004 between Examiner John R. Cottingham and Grace J. Fishel, applicant's attorney regarding the above-identified application.

The following items of information concerning the interview are submitted:

(1) Brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted.

Not applicable.

(2) An identification of the claims discussed.

Claims 1 and 7.

(3) An identification of the specific prior art discussed.

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(4) An identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner.

Claim 1 and dependent claims to be amended such that "frustum" is identified as a "frustoconical member." The "means" identified in claims 7-9 to be identified as governed by section 112, sixth paragraph.

(5) A brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner.

Arguments made in Amendment A were stated orally.

(6) A general indication of any other pertinent matter discussed.

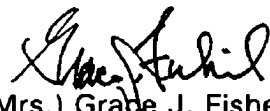
Not applicable.

(7) If appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner.

Independent claim 1, after amendment, and claims 2-6 dependent on claim 1 after amendment if needed to make consistent with claim 1, are allowable over the cited prior art. Claims 7-9 are allowable over the cited prior art if the "means" are subject to interpretation under Section 112, sixth paragraph.

Respectfully submitted,

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